

House Resolution No. 4457

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have admirably helped their young charges to garner the knowledge and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Ed Ford of Stockton has attained considerable distinction as a fifth-grade teacher in the Stockton R-I School District, a calling from which he will step down on June 30, 2005, after thirty-one years of service; and

Whereas, in addition to his endeavors in the fifth-grade classroom, Ed Ford developed an impressive reputation for other activities that included teaching fifth- and sixth-grade Social Studies, serving as a part-time guidance counselor, and videotaping the Stockton football team for approximately sixteen years; and

Whereas, a military veteran, Ed Ford served in the Air Force from 1965 to 1969, including thirteen months in Vietnam; and

Whereas, Ed Ford has been actively involved in the Stockton region through his diligent efforts as director of the Summer Youth Program in Bolivar from 1972 to 1974, president of the Quarterback Club for four years in Stockton, one of the Walnut Festival Parade directors for three years; and

Whereas, in addition to filming the Walnut Festival Parade and the Walnut Festival Queen Contest for six years, Ed Ford captured the memory of Stockton's May 2003 tornado and distributed copies of the video free to anyone who asked; and

Whereas, Ed Ford is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved spouse of Judy, loving father of Stephen and Patrick, father-in-law of Roni Sue and Cari, grandfather of Logan and Emily; and son of Barbara Ford, who has given him unparalleled support and encouragement throughout his life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive career engaged in by Ed Ford with the Stockton R-I School District and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Ed Ford of Stockton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronnie Miller
District No. 133

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4457, adopted November 9, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker